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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Vaccinating Department of Defense (DoD) Personnel and Dependents
Assigned to Department of State (DoS) Missions

We understand that you are about to embark on a program of offering, on a voluntary basis, anthrax and smallpox vaccine to DoS employees and family members serving in missions in Near East Asia, Israel, Turkey, North Africa, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. I request your support in offering the same program to DoD military members and their adult family members, civilian DoD employees and their adult family members, and DoD contract personnel co-located with your affected missions, on a voluntary basis. This does not change current policy for military personnel in countries previously designated for the mandatory vaccination program by the Secretary of Defense. Program implementation will be coordinated between the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Medical Director of the Department of State and the Foreign Service.

This action is prudent as a force health protection measure, and aligns our mutual concern for the safety of our employees and their families serving in these high-threat areas.

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